“The inhabitants of this city were much pleased last Tuesday evening, by the brilliant exhibition of a number of transparent scenes, designed and executed by that very ingenious artist, Mr. Charles W. Peale, who had previous prepared them for the purpose of celebrating the arrival in this city of our illustrious Commander in Chief.”

In December of 1781, Charles Willson Peale made headlines in Philadelphia when he filled his windows with transparent images of George Washington and his recent triumph at the Battle of Yorktown. Lit from behind by candlelight, the illuminations were an early edition of the lit window displays so many of us enjoy this time of year. Using outlines from objects in the Museum’s Galleries and tracing paper, you can also create illuminations to hang in your window.

**MATERIALS**
- Tracing Pattern
- Tracing Paper
- Colored Pencils or Crayons
- Clear Contact Paper
- Ribbon or String

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Using the tracing paper, trace one of the shapes below.
2. Decorate it as much or as little as you would like.
3. Cut out the shape along the border.
4. Sandwich your design between two pieces of clear contact paper.
5. Cut out your illumination, leaving enough room around the edge to keep your illumination sealed and punch a hole in the top.
6. Use a piece of ribbon or string to create a hanger for your illumination.
7. Hang your design in a window or anywhere else light will shine through and illuminate through the night!

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